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2 Cor. 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen.

For how many soever be the promises of God, in him (Christ) is the yea: wherefore also thru him is the Amen.

The "him" of ourtext refers to X and in him there is no uncertainty. X does not say yea and nay to th the same proposition. His word is not yea today and nay tomorrow.

I. The message of Christ, who is the fulfilment of all God's promises, is positive and constructive. There is nothing negative and destructive about Christ.

A certain printer has places a significant t trade-mark upon all his product. A circle, in it his name and under the name "I never disappoint". In Jesus Christ every promise of God may well be labeled, "Fulfilled". Jesus is unswervingly loyal and will ever stand by us fulfilling all his promises, and inspiring us with confidence and hope.

We are now pasing thru a destructive period, a peri of devastation. Governments and institutions have been shattered. Great enterprises have come to naught. Ideals have been discredited and abandoned. Trusted leaders have not made good. Confidence in every realm has been severely shaken. This is true with business and industrial relations. Trus of our school system. True of our religious life and churches. On the outside there are those who cannot accept the Bible, do not believe in the churches, who criticise ministers and dondemn sunday schools, young people's work and the various agencies and Boards of the Church. Every field of Xn activity has been burnt over with criticism , has become like the old wastes, the desolations of former generations And yet I declare unto you that Christ is the same yesterday, toda and forever. In him the promises of God are yea.

II. The world of suffering humanity needs builders, constructive laborers, those who can repair thewaste cities and former desolations. The world needs Nehemiahs and Ezras th rebuild the walls of the Jerusalem and reconstruct the temple of God, putti government and religion on a sure, sound basis.

The message of non-Xn religions is mainly negative, like so much of the Old Testament, that is why they cannot give a wasted world an adequate program of procedure.

The Gospel message of Christ gives this positive, constructive ministry ministry for the world's betterment.

Xty is the olny faith which has a certain, satisfying remedy for the sin and wretchedness of the world.

III. But before the remedy can be effectively applied we followers of Christ must attach our Amens to the promises of God.

The old man suffering with rheumatism visited by the minister. Minister found him reading his Bible; noticed written here and there in the margin "Proved" "God is our help and strength and a very present help in trouble". "Proved" After each promise that had come true in his own life this man had written, "Proved".

Wherefore also thru him is the Amen, unto the glory of God thru us.

The world looks upon us professing Xns as demonstrators of the power of Xty and must hear our personal Amens to the promises of God in Christ before it will believe.

God can be relied upon; in Christ his promises are fulfilled; it only awaits our Amen to bring the nations of t the earth to the feet of Jesus Christ.

IV. How many of God's promises are labeled with your personal Amen?

Spurgeon tells us of a negro who was asked how he believed and the negro's reply was, "Massa, dis is how I believe; I fall flat on the promise, I cant fall no lower".

A certain business man was questioned about certain rumors concerning his integrity and security in business. He was asked, "Do you never fear that you will break?" He answered, "I shall break when the Fiftieth Psalm breaks in the fifteenth verse, Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee".

A drummer boy lay dying in a hospital. The words of the 23rd Psalm were read to him-Tho I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil- and the boy had them read over and over again. When blindness came to him he asked that his hands be placed upon these words, then he asked that they be placed over his heart; and thus did the drummer boy enter the great beyond, clinging to this precious promise of God.

What is the measure of your faith in God? How strong a yea and Amen can you put upon the promised of God in Christ Jesus?